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Why Women Can't Take In Baseball

The Conductor of This Column Merely Tries To Obtain Information Concerning Baseball—The Questions Were Answered By a Sporting Editor of Wide Experience, Iron Nerve, and Unblemished Record For Fair Play.

THE following is a verbatim account of what happened when the conductor of this column tried to find out about the baseball situation which everyone talks about the last few days.

Q: What's all the yelling for?

A: Boston is playing Brooklyn.

Q: What for?

A: World's championship in baseball.

Q: Why baseball? Why not football, or checkers, or tic-tac-toe?

A: Because baseball is a manly game, and a credit to the nation and a builder of character, a manly sport.

Q: Do all of the countries in the world send teams?

A: No; baseball is played only in the United States, although there are imitations.

Q: Then why do they call it the world's series?

A: Cause it sounds big. (Silly answer No. 1.)

Q: How do these two teams happen to be chosen to play?

A: Boston won a championship and so did Brooklyn.

Q: The same championship?

A: No. There are two leagues, American and National.

Q: Why?

A: I thought they got together to play ball.

Q: After count of ten seconds you showed right signs of returning consciousness. We held him in the room and kept on.

Q: Well, anyhow, you say Boston and Brooklyn are playing?

A: Yes.

Q: Well, here in the paper it says all about the Dodgers and Red Sox, and the Robins, and the tribe from Flatbush. Not one word about Boston and Brooklyn. How about that?

A: Red Sox is a specific name (getting sick) for the Boston American League team. Dodgers is the same thing for Brooklyn.

Q: Sort of nicknames?

A: No. Legal names, official names.

Q: Do you mean to tell me that grown men seriously named something Dodgers? Why?

A: (Extremely) Why not? (Foolish answer No. 2.)

Q: How about Robins—where do they come in?

A: For name for the Dodgers, owing to the fact that leader's name is Robinson.

Q: Ever give them pet names because of the names of their wives?

A: (Gurgles.)

Q: Why not? Well, why Red Sox?

A: Color of their hose.

Q: That's a good reason. Are they ever named for the shape of the grandstand? Why not call a team Whitewash, or Concrete, or Wooden?

A: That's silly.

Q: Will N.Y.? Well, if Boston and Brooklyn men are playing ball way up in Boston, why do the men down here in Washington want to yell about it?

A: They get excited because they bet on it.

Q: Why do they bet on it?

A: Because that's why they LIKE it.

Q: Then, they don't care whether

Stories of Stories

A HORSEMAN IN THE SKY.

By Ambrose Bierce.

CARTER DRUSE was a Virginian. But his heart was loyal to the Union. So, when the civil war began, he joined the Federal army. Before leaving home he told his intention to his father, an ardent Confederate. His father replied, curtly: "Go, Carter. Whatever may occur, do what you conceive to be your duty. Virginia, to whom you are a traitor, must get on without you."

Today, several months later, Private Carter Druse was on sentry duty upon the crest of a cliff that rose a thousand feet above a thickly wooded Virginia valley.

In that valley were encamped five Federal regiments. Their presence in the valley was unknown to the Confederates. At nightfall, the Federals were to march over the mountain pass and fall upon the Confederate camp in the valley below.

The success of the maneuver depended entirely on its secrecy. If the Federals could attack the Confederates before the latter should suspect their approach, the plan was almost certain to succeed. But if the Confederates should guess at their presence in that deep, dark valley, the tables would at once be turned. Attacked by their foes from above, the Federals would find themselves trapped and helpless.

A Sleeping Sentry.

Wherefore, on two or three of the high cliffs, Federal sharpshooters and sentries were posted, to give warning of any prowling Confederate's approach.

As Carter Druse lay there, hidden in the laurel bushes of the summit, he dozed an unaccountable crime in a sentinel suddenly he woke wide. On another cliff point, not far from his hiding place, a horse and rider appeared. The horseman was in the uniform of a Confederate officer. He halted his mount at the very edge of the cliff and gazed carefully around him.

Carter Druse stealthily aimed his rifle drawing a bead on the rider's broad chest. Just then, the Confederate turned his head and looked toward his horse. He had a clear view of his tanned face.

The horseman sat there, outlined against the sky, ignorant that a rifle was aimed at him. Then his roving gaze chanced to fall upon the valley beneath.

He caught the fleeting glimpse of men and horses among the trees and at once, he stiffened to action. His gaze waxed tense and hawk-like. Carter Druse knew he must fire. This horseman had discovered the Federals. He must not be allowed to carry that news to the Confederate camp. As Carter's heart wavered, his father's parting words flashed into his brain.

"Whatever may occur, do what you conceive to be your duty."

The horseman wheeled, as though to gallop back to the Confederate camp. Carter fired.

The horse leaped high in air, under the convulsive twitch of the officer's bridle hand. Then both mount and rider crashed downward over the edge of the cliff into the valley, a thousand feet below.

A Soldier's Duty.

A Federal sergeant, hearing the echoes of the shot, crept toward Druse's hiding place and whispered: "Did you fire?"

"Yes," dully replied Carter. "At what?"

"A horse," evaded the sentry. "It went over the cliff."

The sergeant nettled at the evasion, asked sharply: "Do what you conceive to be your duty, do what?"

"Was the anybody on the horse?"

"Yes," demanded the sergeant. "Who?"

"My father," answered Carter Druse.

It's baseball or not, just so they can bet on it.

Q: Then, why does everyone uphold baseball and say that it is manly sport?

A: (Baseball fan leaps from room, leaving illogical woman still seeking details of Boston-Brooklyn series.)

THE CONDUCTOR.

Gas Doctor Travels About on a Daily Round of Calls in New York

She Teaches the Housewife How To Cook a Whole Dinner In An Oven and Get the Most Out of Her Fuel In Every Way.

THERE are horse doctors and dog doctors and doctors for all sorts of fancy diseases, but New York has risen above them all and instituted gas doctors—lady ones at that—who go busily around town all day long telling how to reduce gas bills and make ranges do their duty.

All the New York housewife has to do when she finds that her cakes are always burned or her oven is rusty, is to telephone to the gas doctor at the office of the local company, and her wants are met promptly.

Of course, the gas doctors have to know the ways and wiles of gas stoves, but they must have a working knowledge of domestic science as well, for they seldom escape without answering eager questions about the best recipes for bread and giving directions for making seasonable desserts.

Answers All Questions.

It is the proud boast of every single member of the corps that she has never had to leave one question unanswered. They all admit, however, that all possible questions have not been asked as yet, so their claim may have its qualifications.

Here are some of the problems that have been successfully dealt with by the gas doctors:

What makes cake burn, or cook more quickly on one side than on the other?

TEACH TOTS SAFETY FIRST

By LAURA CLAWSON.

SAFETY FIRST, a slogan which all children need. If we can only make them see the danger of taking risks:

The neighborhood was a look of mourning, and the hushed voices told of a tragedy which had befallen a family. "Johnny got run over," confided a yellow-haired tot, whose mother repeated at length the details of what to my mind was the saddest and most of a life scarcely begun.

Johnny had been warned not to play in the street at dusk, but Johnny heeded not. A heavy automobile truck . . . a boy darted suddenly out directly in front of it. . . all the horror of the street accident.

Why must it be repeated again and again? Traffic rules are made, and for the most part excellently enforced, truck drivers are human, often they have children of their own, and it is safe to say that for the most part the drivers of the vehicles under which so many children meet their death are totally powerless to avoid the accidents.

We must repeat over and over again as parents and teachers and friends the warning to children: "Safety First." Think that is the first sign foreigners should be required to learn, and teach to their children.

For childhood is the time in which we are given to impress the essentials, and caution, physical caution, is a lesson which we as Americans are heedless of learning. That disrespect for law and police regulation has already collected its heavy toll, and if this coming generation can only be taught that many of the accidents are unnecessary, that a large percentage are the result of carelessness, think of the tremendous gain.

RECIPES

Chocolate Squares.

Cream 1 cup of sugar with 1/2 cup of butter. Add the yolks of 2 eggs well beaten, and 1/2 cup of milk; mix and sift 1 1/2 cups of flour, 1/2 teaspoon baking powder and add. Have ready 2 ounces of chocolate melted, add to it 1/2 teaspoon of vanilla, and add this to the mixture, beating well. Last, fold in the stiffly beaten whites of the eggs. Bake in thin slices in shallow pans, in a moderate oven, and when cold cut in squares.

Chocolate Pie.

(Without egg or milk.)

One fourth cup cocoa, one cup sugar, two cups boiling water, one teaspoonful vanilla, two tablespoons cornstarch, one-half teaspoon cinnamon. Mix cocoa with a little water to form a paste, pour boiling water over, add sugar, then cornstarch. Boil two or three minutes. Add vanilla and cinnamon. Pour in crust. Let cool.

Stuffed Tomatoes.

Constitute the salad course. Peel medium-sized tomatoes, cut a thin slice from the top of each and remove the seeds with some of the pulp. Sprinkle the inside with salt and oil. Cut cucumbers in small cubes, mix with their mayonnaise dressing and chopped peanuts, and fill the tomatoes. Serve on crisp lettuce leaves with mayonnaise on top.

Fruit Cream in Cantaloupes.

Peel, slice and press through a sieve one dozen finely flavored peaches. Add two tablespoons of lemon juice and one-quarter teaspoonful of almond flavoring. Mix with one cup of cream, and one tablespoonful of granulated gelatin dissolved in a quarter cupful of hot water. Cook in ice water, stirring constantly, and fold in with two cups of cream. Serve in small cantaloupes cut in halves and chilled. Soda biscuits, cheese and black coffee completed time dinner.

Bacon Sandwiches.

A substantial luncheon dish is a well-made bacon sandwich. Cut the bacon into dice as in the previous recipe and fry it a golden brown with a green pepper chopped fine and fried from needs. Drain well and mix with a very little mayonnaise and spread between buttered slices of whole wheat bread. Trim away the crusts and serve while the bacon is still warm.

French Handkerchiefs.

Very useful handkerchiefs are those which are supplied to French soldiers. They have printed upon them a number of sanitary precepts to be observed on the march and during the campaign, and are further decorated with pictures of officers of all grades, so that a French private can tell at a glance to what grade any officer he may see belongs.

What Every Woman Wants to Know

Why do foods burn or cook quicker on one side than on the other?

Why is the gas bill so high?

What is the best polish for the gas stove?

What will take rust off a gas stove?

What utensils are most practical?

More often than not the trouble is that the stove does not set evenly. The floor may have warped since it was constructed, or the original carpentering may be at fault. Anyway, a slope in the stove radically affects the uniformity of heat.

The easiest way to remedy this is to slip wads of paper, or even, in extreme cases, small blocks of wood under the legs of the stove, so the oven is absolutely even.

How to Reduce Bills.

There are some houses where chronically dark hallways make a continuously burning light a necessity. It will be found more economical to use a mantle burner, which will give more light at less expense.

The gas doctors have shown many women how gas may be saved by explaining that an oven may be used to cook other foods than those to be baked. For instance, baked apples, a roast, and a saucypan of boiled potatoes may be cooking in the oven at the same time. After a liquid has been brought to boil on the top of the stove, it will still boil, even though the gas is turned

She Will Tell How To Polish Gas Stoves, How To Combat Rust, How To Bake Bread and Biscuits, and Even Advises Utensils.

down appreciably. If the gas is on "full head," the fuel is really wasted.

What is the best polish for gas stoves?

They should not be polished like coal ranges. If the stove is wiped off each day or two it may be kept looking spick and span. Lemon oil may be rubbed on if there is a tendency to rust. It may also be used to keep the oven in good condition. The best time to clean a stove is just after it has been used. When heat has loosened the dirt.

Most Satisfactory Utensils.

What are the most satisfactory utensils on gas stoves? Aluminum for the top of the stove and glass for the oven. Aluminum baking dishes are also useful. If baking dishes of iron or one of the heavier metals are used, it is almost impossible to have food uniformly cooked. It will be burned on the bottom before the top is more than warmed.

Heat spreads more evenly through aluminum. It, like the glass, is easy to clean.

What is the best way to broil things without having them stick?

If the broiler is kept greased with olive oil, it will be easy to clean, and fish or meats will not stick to it.

These are the questions that come up over and over again to the omniscient gas doctors. They are the problems that naturally enough, every housewife has to solve, whether she is a Washington woman or a New York apartment dweller.

A Country Rain.

With my pipe a-working easy, and my mind likewise the same, I'm a-sitting on our summer porch a-listen' to the rain.

As I patter on the shingles like a drum corps on parade.

And the music of it sounds just like the taste of marmalade.

Over yonder, on the bosom of the creek, it's sure a sight.

To see the fun and frolic of the rain-drops. The delight of the creek itself, a-dancin' and a-singin' nature's tune.

Call to mind the merry children that go pickin' in June.

And I feel such deep contentment crownin' through by which inside That I turn to where my partner is a-sittin' by my side.

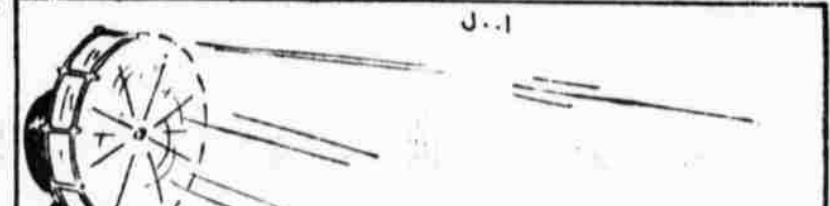
And, presently, our hands will seek, and find and press each other.

And thus, in spiritual embrace, sit nature, me and mother.

E. M. E., in St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The Alphabetical Dots

By CLIFFORD LEON SHERMAN.



"Did you find the Texans very wild and woolly?" asked Tommy.

"I can't say that I did," answered his father. "Maybe their hats are a little wider and their shoulders a little broader, but they are the fellows. The day of the Texan you read about in stories has passed. His was wild and woolly all right; he used to carry two guns

and drink a lot. They drink a lot now, but not the same stuff that they used to do. It is a great sight to see a big cattle man sit down to a little table where it is cool and order a—"

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FAIRBANKS

How Forced Breathing Will Help Cure Cough And Clean Out Lungs

By DR. LEONARD KEENE HIRSHBERG.

CHRONIC bronchitis, where there is a cough persistent over months, in which all of the eye, skin, blood and sputum tests for tuberculosis, as well as the physical tests, are absent, it is usually the base of the lower portion of the lungs, fouled with mucous and stagnant with adhesive excretions, which is the cause of the trouble.

Such an enduring cough may be traceable to nose conditions, to kidney disease, to the heart or to some other remote and unexpected source, but, be the cause what it may, it is often a need of thorough breathing of the deep-seated kind which is at the bottom of the mischief.

Soon a vicious circle is established, when bronchitis begins. Those with it are unable to do the very thing forced expiration demands, to carry out. Particularly in the presence of a cough, the individual who breathes in a faulty fashion is at a disadvantage. As he commonly breathes the inflation of the upper part of the lungs is only partial, and it is accompanied by a spasmodic contraction of the abdominal muscles. This causes the diaphragm to rise upward, with the consequence that the lower part of the lungs remains very slightly blown out.

Aid in Bronchitis.

The upshot of this is a defective exodus of mucus and a deficient flow of fresh blood into the affected bronchial tubes and air spaces. This want of a powerful thrust of breath, this makeshift respiration, is a no uncommon cause of a minor cough or cold lengthening itself out to a long run of bronchitis.

This explains why anemic, overworked, indoor or alling people easily acquire a chronic bronchitis. It is due to their feeble power of breathing.

The stagnant pools of mucus in the various bronchioles can be dislodged only by violent or forced abdominal expirations. If strong breathing fails to bring this to pass, protracted coughing and sneezing. The cough becomes a drainage pump.

Will Eradicate a Cough.

When there is a powerful method of breathing the muscles of the bronchial channels become toned up much more than normal. This, of course, seldom, if ever, happens in routine breathing. Indeed, proper breathing is so rare that this tissue in many persons soon loses its elasticity, its power to contract and to expand as needed.

Forced respiration helps a cough in many other ways. It not only moves the refuse and mucus, but it oxidizes and scavenges the back waters and helps, by increasing the flow of blood and nutrition it disinfects the

lungs, expels the debris and massages the inactive or tired tissues. In addition the respirations are aided by means of any necessary enlargement of the nostrils and throat in order to give a greater passage of air into and out of the lungs. Full many a victim of chronic bronchitis, not associated with tuberculosis, will receive great benefit.

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Answers to Health Questions

S. M. W.—If you will send a stamped, self-addressed envelope repeating your query I will gladly give you the desired information.

L. S.—Is phosphorus a good tonic? Sunlight, fresh air, and exercise are the best "tonics." Phosphorus is not a safe medicine, even in its dose of 1-120-grain in a tablespoon of castor oil. Given thus it favors the deposit of lime in bones.

D. F. E.—I have a small lump on my body about an inch long and an inch in circumference. It is bluish in color, and does not seem to give me any trouble, but it is growing all the time. Is it necessary to have it removed?

Any tumors or swellings that grow must be removed by the knife.

G. L.—What should be done for an inflamed hip joint?

The treatment depends on the kind of inflammation. Go to the orthopedic department of some institution for a correct diagnosis.

E. S.—Will the following promote the growth of hair: 120 grains of resorcin, 1/4 dram tincture of cantharides, 2 ounces of witch hazel, 2 ounces of alcohol, 2 ounces strained green tea.

Will the green tea give color to gray hair?

This combination may promote the growth of hair because of the irritant properties present, but there is no guarantee. 2. The dye in the green tea may color the hair.

A. A. H.—Where can glyco-bacterium be purchased?

This is a product of France, and owing to its present war a very scarce. Bacteriological laboratories generally carry this product. A Bulgarian tablet may be taken after each meal if you are unable to get this.

P. G.—Is a leak in the valve of the heart a serious condition?

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